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SUBJ: THAI SECURITY GUARD STRIKE

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1. AS OF AFTERNOON JUNE 12 ABOUT 1000, THAI SECURITY GUARDS (TGS) WERE OUT. THIS INCLUDES ALL TSG AT KORAT AND SOME AT NAKHOM-PHANOM IN ADDITION TO THOSE MENTIONED IN REFTEL. REGULAR THAI MILITARY CONTINUE TO FILL IN THUS AVOIDING ANY SERIOUS DETERIORATION OF BASE SECURITY.

2. GUARDS REPRESENTATIVES FAILED TO SHOW UP FOR MEETING AT PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 11. MEETING WAS RESCHEDULED FOR 0900 MORNING OF JUNE 12, BUT GUARDS AGAIN FAILED TO SHOW. LATE AFTERNOON OF JUNE 12 GUARDS FINALLY WENT TO GOVERNMENT HOUSE TO RECEIVE REPLY TO THEIR DEMANDS. THEY WERE REPORTEDLY TOLD BY SPOKESMAN PRIDA PHATHANATHABUT THAT MOST OF THEIR DEMANDS HAD IN FACT BEEN MET SOME TIME AGO AND THAT THE GOVERNMENT DID NOT THINK
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ADDITIONAL ACTION WAS REQUIRED. PRIDA ALSO REPORTEDLY

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TOLD THE GUARDS THAT IF THEY WISHED TO RETAIN THEIR
JOBS THEY SHOULD RETURN TO WORK WITHIN 48 HOURS.

3. IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN WHAT FURTHER ACTION GUARDS
MAY TAKE IN LIGHT OF THIS RESPONSE. THE GUARDS LEADER,
MR. BANKIT THANGOUAN, WAS NOT PRESENT FOR THE MEETING
AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE. BANKIT WAS THE STRIKE LEADER WHO
WAS ERRONEOUSLY REPORTED SHOT AND KILLED DURING LAST DECEMBER'S
TSG STRIKE (BANGKOK 19613). CONCEIVABLY WITH THE PROPER
RHETORIC THIS PHOENIX COULD BREATHE NEW
LIFE INTO THE TSG STRIKE.
WHITEHOUSE

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